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¶ By the King.

¶ A Proclamation touching common Maultſters, and Brewers.

THe Kings moſt Excellent Maieſty hath taken into conſideration the manifold inconueniences that ariſe to this Kingdome by the exceſſiue number of perſons, Who take vpon them the Art & myſtery of Maultmaking in all parts of the Realme, Who from time to time engroſſe and get into their hands ſuch quantities of Barley to conuert into Vault, as often produceth a ſcarcity of that kinde of Graine, which for the poorer ſort of people is their vſuall Bread the Markets alſo by meanes hereof are foreſtalled and vnfurniſhed, and ſundry abuſes and deceipts are practiſed by them in the making of Vault in vnſeaſonable moneths of the yeare, and in leſſer ſpace of time in the Fatt, and Floore, then it can be perfectly made, and by making it of Mow-burnt, or ſpired-Barley, and by ſlack and deceitfull drying thereof, and by mixing and ſelling of good and bad Vault together, and by putting to ſale of Vault not well and ſufficiently troden, rubbed or fanned from the droſſe thereof, Wherby it becommeth vnWholeſome and deceiptfull in the vſe, contrary to ſundry good prouiſions made by ſeuerall Acts of Parliament in that behalfe, and to the common deceipt of this Kingdome and people; His Maieſtie out of his Princely care to reforme aſwell theſe euils, as ſundry other vnlawfull practices now vſed in the making and ſelling of Vault, hath thought fit (by the aduice of His priuy Councell) to leſſen their multitude, and to appoint and ſettle in fit places of the Realme a competent number of meet perſons for common Maultſters, ſuch as being approued of by his Maieſties Priuy Councell, and after incorporated and reduced vnder gouernment, in each County, may become bound to His Maieſtie to reforme the abuſes now commonly practiſed in that Trade, and to make and ſell good and wholeſome Vault, and at reaſonable prices according to the law: And therefore His Maieſty doth hereby declare and publiſh His Royall Will and pleaſure to be; And doth ſtraitly charge and command, that no perſon or perſons whatſoever now vſing, or which hereafter ſhall vſe any other Trade or myſtery, ſhall vſe or practice the Trade of a common Maultſter, or ſhall buy

Barley or other Graine to mault it, and sell it againe; And that no persons whatsoeuer, in the moneths of June, July and August, or any of them doe conuert any Barley or other Grain into Mault to sell; And that in other the proper and seasonable moneths of the yeare for maulting, the same Mault shall haue in the making thereof (viz.) in the Fatt, Floore, steeping and drying thereof, the time and space of three weekes at the least, without which time the same cannot be well and perfectly made, nor wholesome for mans body: And that no persons whatsoeuer that conuert any Graine into Mault to sell, shall buy any Mault, to the intent to sell the same againe. And his Maiesties pleasure is, that no persons whatsoeuer, from and after Christmas next, shall take upon them the Trade of common Maultsters, or shal make Mault to sell, vnlesse they shall be incorporated and reduced vnder the said gouernment, nor shall vse the Trade of Maulting in any other Towne or place then shall be assigned them by his Maiesties Priuie Councell, or his Commissioners in that behalfe. And in all and singular the premisses, his Maiestie requireth all due conformity and obedience of his Subiects, vpon paine of his Maiesties high indignation and displeasure, and such penalties and punishments as by the Lawes or Statutes of the Realme, or otherwise may be inflicted on them for their contempts or neglects herein.

Neuertheleſſe, his Maiesties intentions are, that it shall be lawfull for all persons which shall haue of their owne any Barley or Corne growing, or any Tythe Corne, or Rent-corne reserued upon any Lease or Demise, to conuert into Mault all or any such Barley or Corne, and to vent and sell the same without restraint; And that any person or persons shall and may buy any Corne or Graine, and conuert the same into Mault for the vse and prouision of his or their owne house or family onely, any thing herein conteined to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

And herein also his Maiestie doth further declare his Royall Will and Pleasure to be, That if any Maultsters whatsoeuer, already Incorporated or Licenced, or hereafter to be Incorporated or Licenced, or any other persons whatsoever, shall at any time or times hereafter, directly or indirectly, conspire, combine, couenant, or agree together, That they will not buy Barley, or other Graine to conuert to Mault, nor will sell the same so Maulted, but at set and certaine prices limited and appointed by and amongst themselues, whereby his Maiesties Subiects shall be constrained to sell their Barley or other Maulting Graine at low and cheape prices, and to buy their Mault at high and deare rates, or shall make or put in vre any other conspiracy, combination, practice, couenant, or agreement amongst themselues, or any of them, tending to the Inhaunsing or abating of prices, or other publique inconuenience, That then euery such Corporation, or persons so Licenced, or others whatsoeuer so conspiring, combining, practising, or agreeing together in setting of prices (being conuicted thereof) shall not onely incurre the forfeitures, penalties, and punishments ordained by the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme in that behalfe, but shall be disabled for euer after to vse that Trade, and shall be further proceeded against with all seuere and exemplary punishment, which his Maiestie will strictly require to be executed on them. And whereas his Maiestie hath likewise taken into consideration the manifold inconueniences arising to his Kingdome and people, for that Inn-keepers, Alehouse-keepers, Tauerners, Cookes, and other Victuallers, doe take upon them to Brew the Beere and Ale they vtter by Retaile, and thereby, for their owne priuate lucre and gaine, and with the consumption of double the Mault, and Fuell that is needfull, doe make strong, heady, and unwholsome drinkes, serving rather for drunkennesse and excesse, then for any good or necessary vse, and doe utter and Retaile the same without keeping the Assize or prices appointed by the Law; his Maiestie intending reformation likewise herein, is pleased to appoint and settle in fit places in England and Wales, a conuenient number of common Brewers, such as shall be allowed of by his Maiesties Priuie Councell, who being likewise Incorporated and reduced vnder gouernment, may become bound to his Maiestie, as well to reforme the abuses now commonly practised in that Trade, as to Brew wholesome Beere and Ale, and therein to obserue the Assise and prices appointed by the Lawes and Statutes of the Realme, and who may also breed and bring vp Apprentices in the same Trade. His Maiestie therefore by like aduice of his Priuie Councell, doth hereby expresse and declare his Royall Will and Pleasure to be, and doth straightly charge and command, That

no Inn-keeper, Alehouſe-keeper, Tauerner, Cooke, or Victualler whatſoeuer, in any County, Citie, Borough, Towne Corporate, or other place or places whatſoeuer, within the Realme of England, or Dominion of Wales, as well within Liberties as without, from and after the Feaſt of S. Michael the Archangell next comming, ſhall Brew any Beere or Ale, to vtter or ſell by Retaile, but ſhall haue or receiue the ſame, of or from ſome common Brewer, allowed and ſetled, or to be allowed and ſetled by His Maieſtie, or by His Commiſſioners in that behalfe. Neuertheleſſe, His Maieſties intentions are, That in ſuch places where there ſhall be no ſuch common Brewers allowed, or being allowed, they will not ſerue the ſaid Inn-keepers, Alehouſe-keepers, and other Victuallers with Beere and Ale, by carrying and deliuering of the ſame at their ſeuerall houſes, that in euery ſuch place onely, and in none other, it ſhall be lawfull for any the ſaid Inn-keepers, Tauerners, Alehouſe-keepers, and Victuallers, to Brew their owne Beere or Ale, and to ſell the ſame by Retaile, as heretofore they haue done; Any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

And His Maieſtie doth hereby further declare; That euery ſuch perſon as ſhall be allowed, as aforeſaid, for a common Brewer, ſhall not be licenced or allowed to make his owne Mault, nor ſhall vſe the Trade of a common Maultſter, Cooper, nor any other Trade; And that euery perſon ſo to be allowed for a common Brewer, ſhall make and ſell wholſome Beere and Ale, and ſhall ſell and vtter the ſame at reaſonable prizes, and ſhall keepe the Aſſize thereof according to the Lawes and Statutes of the Realme; And to theſe his Maieſties Royall commands, His Maieſtie doth likewiſe require of all His Subiects, all due conformitie and obedience, as they tender His high diſpleaſure, and ſuch puniſhments as ſhall be meet for their contempts.

Prouided alwaies, that theſe preſents, or any thing herein concerning Brewing, ſhall not extend to the Citie of London, or foure miles diſtance of the ſame. And His Maieſtie doth laſtly require and command all Juſtices of the Peace, Mayors, Sheriffes, Bailiffes, Conſtables, Headboroughes, and all other His Maieſties Officers and Miniſters, to take care in their ſeuerall places, that His Maieſties Royall pleaſure herein declared, may be duely performed, as they tender His Maieſties ſeruice.

Giuen at the Court at Greenwich, the ninth day of Iuly, in the thirteenth yeare of His Maieſties Reigne.

God ſaue the King.

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